







Assessment of Precipitating Marine Stratocumulus Clouds in E3SMv1

Objective

 Evaluate the physical parameterizations of E3SMv1 with the combination of advanced ARM observations and LES from the MAGIC field campaign.

Key Accomplishments

- E3SMv1 SCM realistically represents the evolution of clouds and PBL structure during the stratocumulus-to-cumulus transition.
- E3SMv1 produces an unrealistically small sub-cloud precipitation fraction, an unrealistic double-peak in the vertical profiles of precipitation mass, and drizzle that evaporates too close to the surface.
- An overly long microphysics timestep and an unrealistic parameterization of precipitation fraction are the main causes.

